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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 10, 2000 OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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This response is submitted in response to the Office Communication issued on November 10, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due on October 10, 2000. Applicant hereby petition for a one month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action. A check in the amount of \$55 is enclosed to cover the one month extension of time fee for a small entity. Applicants' status as a small entity was previously established and is still proper. Since December 10, 2000 is a Sunday, a response is due December 11, 2000, and this Amendment is being timely filed.

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Please amend the subject application as follows:

Page 7, line 5, after "Figure 2B" insert --(SEQ ID NO:2)--

Page 9, line 8, after "mouse (2A)" insert --(SEQ ID NO:1)--